

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 9, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PHELPS submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Martin, respectfully report :

That the petitioner sets forth in his memorial that he was an officer in the late war, and has been an invalid pensioner, by reason of wounds received in service, from the year 1830 to the present time; that in 1820 he perfected his papers to entitle him to a pension, but before they were transmitted to Washington, his house was destroyed by fire, and his papers destroyed with it. He further represents, that, owing to the death and removal of witnesses, he was unable to supply the loss until 1830, when his pension was granted. He prays the allowance of his pension for the intermediate period between 1820 and 1830. No evidence is furnished the committee to establish the facts except the statement in the memorial and certain hearsay testimony of one witness as to the burning of the papers. There is no evidence to satisfy the committee that the papers were such as would entitle the memorialist to a pension. As these invalid pensions are allowed only from the period when the proof is perfected, the committee see no ground upon which the arrears of pension can be allowed. They, therefore, recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

Thomas Allen, print.

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